AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 24, as follows:

Generally, an embodiment of the present invention encompasses a method for determining a jitter buffer depth target. The method comprises steps of ~~comprising steps of~~ determining a radio frequency (RF) load metric corresponding to a base site, comparing the determined RF load metric to an RF load threshold to produce a comparison, and determining a jitter buffer depth target based on the comparison.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1, as follows:

Another embodiment of the present invention encompasses a method for conveying data from a transmitting communication device to a receiving communication device ~~in~~ <u>in</u> a packet data communication system, wherein the transmitting communication device and the receiving communication device are each in wireless · communication with a wireless infrastructure. The method includes steps of establishing a reverse link between the transmitting communication device and the wireless infrastructure, establishing a forward link between the wireless infrastructure and the receiving communication device, wherein the reverse link is established prior to the establishment of the forward link, and signaling a user of the transmitting communication device to begin transmitting data prior to the establishment of the forward link.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 19, as follows:

In one embodiment of the present invention, the round trip time period may be based on the CDMA signaling during the set up of the call. In another embodiment of the present invention, a round trip time period may be determined based on the propagation time of signals transmitted by infrastructure ~~103~~ <u>130</u> to an MS 103, 104 and known signal processing times in infrastructure 130 and MS's 102-104. Each base site 116, 122, 126 is synchronized with the other base sites in system 100 by reference to a GPS (Global

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Positioning Satellites) system or by reference to a common time synchronization unit (not shown) that provides a common timing reference to each base site. In turn, each of MS's 102-104 is synchronized with base sites 116, 122, 126 by reference to the GPS system or by synchronization signals transmitted to the MS by infrastructure 130. Since RLP frames are typically transmitted in 20 ms time slots in a CDMA system, the MS's can determine the propagation delay of a frame based on a known transmission time of the frame, that is, a start of the 20 ms time period, and a time of receipt of the frame.

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